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REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, Examiner Meonske (1) objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) for failing to show a default register as recited in pending claims 1-9; (2) rejected pending claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement; and (3) rejected pending claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by a publication entitled "Reducing the Cost of Branches by Using Registers" to Davidson et al. The Applicant has cancelled pending claims 1-9 herein without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter of claims 1-9. Withdrawal of the drawing objection associated with cancelled claims 1-9, the non-enablement rejection of cancelled claims 1-9 and the anticipation rejection of cancelled claims 1-9 is therefore respectfully requested.

The Applicant has added new claims 10-29 herein, and respectfully requests consideration and examination of new claims 10-29 under 37 CFR § 1.114. The Applicant respectfully asserts that new claims 10-29 are allowable over the art of record, particularly Davidson and U.S. Patent No. 3,577,189 to Cocke et al., because the art of record, alone or in combination, fails to disclose, teach or suggest:

- "wherein the first program instruction includes a first field 1. defining a first jump type to be decoded by said device", "wherein the first program instruction further includes a second field defining a first destination address to be decoded by said device", "wherein the second program instruction includes a third field defining a second jump type to be decoded by said device", and "wherein the second program instruction excludes a fourth field defining a second destination address to be decoded by said device" as recited in independent claim 10;
- 2. "wherein the first program instruction includes a first field defining a first jump type to be decoded by said device", "wherein the first program instruction further includes a second field defining a first jump condition to be decoded by said device", "wherein the

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second program instruction includes a third field defining a second jump type to be decoded by said device", and "wherein the second program instruction excludes a fourth field defining a second jump condition to be decoded by said device" as recited in independent claim 18;

- 3. "wherein the first program instruction further includes a first field defining a first destination address to be decoded by said device", "wherein the second program instruction includes a second field defining a jump type to be decoded by said device", and "wherein the second program instruction excludes a third field defining a second destination address to be decoded by said device" as recited in independent claim 22; and
- 4. "wherein the first program instruction further includes a first field defining a first jump condition to be decoded by said device", "wherein the second program instruction includes a second field defining a jump type to be decoded by said device", and "wherein the second program instruction excludes a third field defining a second jump condition to be decoded by said device" as recited in independent claim 26.

An allowance of claims 10-29 over the art of record is therefore respectfully requested.



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SUMMARY

Examiner Meonske's objection of the drawings, non-enablement rejection and anticipation rejection have been obviated by the cancellation herein of claims 1-9. The Applicant has supported an allowance of new claims 10-29 over the art of record. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10-29 as added herein fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, Examiner Meonske is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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